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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION CONTAINING RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2002, containing a restriction requirement, Group II is elected, with traverse.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended two months, i.e., to up to and including October 29, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$400.00 in payment of the fee therefor, and the

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